

REMARKS

Claims 69-98 remain in the present application. Claims 40-68 are cancelled herein. Claims 69-98 are added herein. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added as a result of the claim amendments. Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration of the rejections based on the arguments set forth below.

Election Without Traverse Between Inventions 1 and 2

In the Office Action mailed November 20, 2009 for the above-captioned patent application, the Examiner stated that the present Application contains two independent or distinct inventions. As such, the Examiner has required Applicants to elect a single invention for prosecution on the merits.

Applicants elect without traverse Invention 1, to which Claims 69-98 are drawn, for prosecution on the merits.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 69-98 are in condition for allowance and Applicant earnestly solicits such action from the Examiner.

The Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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